

APPEAL FOR A FAIR TRIAL.

The Republicans Issue an Address to the People of Kentucky.

A STATEMENT OF THE FACTS.

A Strong Protest Against Contest Being Tried by Packed Juries.

THEY DEMAND A FAIR TRIBUNAL.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 19.—The Republican managers have issued the following address to the people of Kentucky. In it they set forth the trickery which has established the packed juries now hearing the contest cases and the avowed partisanship of the Contest Board. They express their willingness to go before any fair tribunal and submit their case upon its merits, and they appeal to the manhood of the State to take such action as will prevent the contemplated outrage upon civil liberty.

The address in full is as follows: To the Citizens of Kentucky: Owing to the disturbed state of the public mind, and moved by an unselfish desire for the welfare of the Commonwealth and the peace and happiness of her people, the Republicans of Kentucky wish to make the following statements concerning the crisis now upon us, to which statements we ask the careful consideration of all thoughtful, fair-minded, patriotic citizens of all parties.

In making this appeal to the reason and patriotism of our fellow citizens, we shall endeavor to lay aside all prejudice, party feeling and selfish interests, and shall state such facts only as have been manifest to the intelligent people of this State for some months past, together with those that are susceptible of incontrovertible proof in the face of the world.

In order to define our position and place ourselves in a true light before the people of this State, it is necessary briefly to review the progress of events by which this crisis has advanced almost to its consummation.

On November 7, 1899, a State election, for the first time, was held under a law recently placed on our statutes and commonly known as the Goebel Election law. This law placed in the hands of three commissioners, all belonging to one political party, the power of naming three County Commissioners, all of whom may belong to one party, and as a matter of fact, in all the 119 counties in the State, one party either had all the three Commissioners or two out of three, thus giving that party all the State Commissioners and all or a majority of the County Commissioners in each county.

The County Boards had, by this law, the power of appointing the precinct officers in each election precinct of the State, without regard to the fitness, qualifications or the political party of the officers so appointed. This power was absolutely in the hands of the Democratic party, and in a large majority of the counties it was arbitrarily exercised in the interest of that party alone or of one faction of that party. When Republicans were appointed they were in many instances irresponsible, incapable or uneducated men, purposely placed there to give the Democratic party the advantage.

Under the law, with the entire election machinery of the State in the hands of one party, the election of November 7 was held but the liberty-loving citizens of the State of all parties rallied to the standard of the dominant party opposing this law, and with all odds against them, gained a verdict of condemnation against

this iniquitous law, and by certified majorities varying from 2,000 to 3,000 votes, elected the entire Republican ticket.

The Democratic Board of Election Commissioners met to canvass the returns, and, by a majority of two to one, gave the certificates of election to the Republican candidates. Since that time two of these Democratic Commissioners who decided in favor of the Republican candidates—men whose character and intelligence are known and respected all over the State—have resigned, and their places have been filled by the other member with men of whom he openly boasts as those who will act with him in his wish to deprive the Republicans of the offices to which his former colleagues, Judges Pryor and Ellis, have declared they were elected.

This board, composed of Mr. Poyntz, who dissented from Judges Pryor and Ellis in giving the certificates to the Republicans, and of two men appointed by said Poyntz, whom he has publicly said he was guilty and by two others whom that man had chosen; yet, such is exactly the condition of those who are to be tried by Mr. Poyntz and his two colleagues, who have no opinion about his guilt? Every man who prizes his own liberty, and has respect for the rights of others, must answer, "No, no, no."

A BOARD THAT HAS PREJUDICED.

We ask every man who prizes his liberty if he would be willing to be tried by a man who has already said he was guilty and by two others whom that man had chosen; yet, such is exactly the condition of those who are to be tried by Mr. Poyntz and his two colleagues, who have no opinion about his guilt? Every man who prizes his own liberty, and has respect for the rights of others, must answer, "No, no, no."

Is this according to the spirit of American law, which gives to the lowest or the highest criminal, the chicken thief or the assassin, the right to object to any juror who has a prejudice against him or who has even expressed an opinion about his guilt? Every man who prizes his own liberty, and has respect for the rights of others, must answer, "No, no, no."

Every man is entitled to a fair hearing before an impartial jury, and yet the State officers of Kentucky are to be tried by a man who has already decided against him, and by two others whom he has chosen from the fact that he is satisfied in advance that they are of like mind. Put yourself in the place of the Republican officials and ask yourself if there is not reasonable ground for objecting to the jury by whom they are to be tried. But while this law is on the statute book, your interests and your property may at any time be placed in the same jeopardy.

CONTESTING BEFORE PACKED COMMISSIONERS.

In the case of the contest for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Legislature is the final arbiter, although the matter to be brought before the Legislature is to be first selected and decided upon by a committee of both houses selected by lot. At first view this may be considered fair, but let us look to the manner in which this committee was selected in the present instance, the enormity of which act has stirred this grand old State from center to circumference. The following principles are susceptible of proof of the highest and most con-

clusive character. Lots had been drawn for some contests among the members of the Legislature, and on the whole, the drawing of lots for legislative contests was considered fair, and no objection or complaint was raised or could be raised. But when the time came for drawing the committee for the Governor's contest, all these ballots which had been thoroughly intermingled were destroyed and new ballots were prepared; the members who had stood around to witness the drawing were ordered to their seats, and the Clerk deposited new ballots in the box. It was charged on the spot at the time of drawing, that the Clerk of the House placed the ballots with the names of those of one party had been placed in one end and those of the other in the other end of the box, and to prove the truth of his charge, asked that the box be opened and the position of the ballots be examined. The member making this statement and this reasonable request was hooted down by the opposing party, and the only method of proving the honesty of this drawing or of establishing its dishonesty was denied and lost forever. The only conclusion that any reasonable man can draw from this is that the favored party had been afraid to have the ballots examined. If the drawing had been fair, and these charges untrue, the accused party would have been glad to establish their honesty by an examination; for no one, not even a rogue, like to lie under a false charge when he has the means of establishing his innocence at hand.

We ask every man who loves honesty if he can see any reason except a dishonest purpose, in destroying ballots well intermingled and placing others in a box so that in the manner the box was shaken the honest would be intermingled; or if he can form any other conclusion, from the fact that the dominant party refused to have the position of the ballots examined immediately after the drawing, that the drawing was a dishonest one? The above are facts that no one can deny, and from them you may form the conclusions of honest men.

Further than this rules of procedure in making this contest have been adopted that are subversive of the principles of our government. Rule 11, an anomaly in parliamentary practice in any civilized country, provides that on any resolution both houses may be called together at any time by the Speaker of the House, who at this time is none other than the man who wrote to Capt. Thompson of Frankfort that "it was impossible to gain a victory for his party with a fair vote, and advised Thompson's withdrawal, so that the Democratic board might appoint a man 'who could do anything to help the Democrats.'" This rule makes it possible any time for the man who wants men on each County board "who will do anything to help the Democrats," as he himself from his advice to others would do—it makes it possible for him to call the two houses together and ask for a vote on any resolution that may be submitted to their action, whether coming from a single member or a committee.

THE NEXT STEP.

We affirm that such method of procedure is unknown in enlightened countries, and that it is in direct antagonism to our State Constitution, which provides two houses shall elect each other, and its own presiding officer, the only check upon the other in all official action, whether sitting as a legislative or a judicial body. But the reason for its introduction is not difficult to be understood at the present time; in fact it has been proclaimed by members of the Goebel party in the hearing of witnesses, and is no more than what has been said. It is proposed, they say, "to get a report from the committee (formed as has been described above) ousting the present Governor and Lieutenant Governor from office, and then to call the two houses together and call for immediate action and adopt the report."

Such is the plan of the opponents of popular government now

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FRANKFORT NEWS.

One of the amusing things that has developed in the cross questioning of Goebel witnesses before the contest boards came out in the testimony of Lee Suter, of Louisville, Friday night. Col. Breckinridge asked: "Mr. Suter did you ever occupy any position of trust?"

Suter answered: "Yes sir, as a member of the Board of safety of the city of Louisville," then added "and as a commissioner for the Central Lunatic Asylum."

Col. Breckinridge, appearing not to have heard the last part of his answer, said sweetly in his famous melodious voice: "Ah, what did you say your relation to the Central Lunatic Asylum?"

All of the Earlinton boys—except one—attended services in a church at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

Warner Campbell wants to be a Legislator long enough to pass a bill making it a felony to deface the famous monument of Kentucky's renowned pioneer—Daniel Boone—whose remains rest in the cemetery here, together with those of many of Kentucky's famous men and statesmen, the memory of whom is preserved by the state in marble tombs and shafts of granite.

Scarcely anybody was left over in Frankfort on Sunday and the hotel lobbies looked lonesome. The people slept late and breakfasted later and all took on the quiet of a beautiful Sunday morning save at the headquarters of the counsel for either side of the hard fought contest, where the usual week-day bustle and the clatter of feet and typewriters still and continuously attested the intense interest in and great import to the people of the state of the result—about which there seemed then some possible doubt.

Ed Brooks is quite at home here. Senator Berry, of Union and Henderson, is his cousin and Representative Denton, of Henderson, an acquaintance and friend. The fact is that Ed doesn't run with anybody except "members, suh!" and Warner Campbell is a close second.

Lawrence Pratt was one of the fellows in the hotel lobby when the Scott-Colton tragedy occurred, since which time he has resided continuously in Hopkins.

The adoption of Emmett Orr's resolution to give the Goebel attorneys more time before the Contest Committee, which they pretended they wanted while they were acting for the purpose of preventing the Republicans from asking more time, threw a damper over Goebel enthusiasm and shook the Goebel confidence so much that Goebel himself even went down into the hotel lobby to juggle with members he feared were slipping out of his net.

One of the really meritorious bills that have been presented was introduced in the House Friday and is almost sure to go through. It provides for the appropriation of \$1,500 for the purpose of restoring the Daniel Boone monument. All the people of Kentucky will endorse its passage.

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It would have been a revelation to many of our town folk to have heard the reports read on Saturday night at the meeting of the Golden Cross. We are not so well informed as we should be as to the work of beneficial societies in our midst. There are many who know that a good, strong lodge of this order comprising forty male members, and thirty-eight female members is doing good service in our town. But there are few who give thought to the practical work accomplished. In a fraternal way the lodge has done much in bringing its members in touch along the lines of tender care for one another, when sickness and distress has come into the homes. In a social way it has brought sunshine, pleasant thoughts, and kindly words into the conversations of the members. But the report showed that \$18,000 of excellent insurance was in force with the members of the lodge, through the monthly payments, aggregating less than 1 1/4 per cent. of the total insurance.

It has been the misfortune of the lodge to lose several members since its organization in 1892, but the insurance upon the lives of the deceased promptly paid beneficiaries and all know that a little capital is to a family when its chief supporter is removed. One member remarked: "We are not rich people; we all have to struggle, or at least, are people of moderate means." So much the more reason why the members of the lodge should do more towards increasing the membership of the nearly eighty present members, at least one-half could add fifty more to the roll if they could use a little exertion. Tell the neighbors of the very good reason why they should enter the lodge; try to arouse a lively interest by taking a deep interest in the working of the order. If only a few more members should be added, the lodge would be able to use as to who to approach and when to talk, the right people could easily be persuaded to send in petitions.

After the very impressive service of installation conferred by Representative J. B. Brown, on Saturday night, excellent counsel and expressions as to future work was given by incoming and outgoing officials. The gathering was a representative one, and several pleasant incidents were noted, one being the presence of Mrs. D. W. Umstead, her son, Mr. N. W. Umstead with his wife, and with them their study, beautiful boy—three generations represented in this family. Others present were: Mr. J. W. Day and wife, J. B. Wyatt and wife, M. B. Long and wife, W. S. Magenheimer and wife, J. W. Twyman and wife, W. S. McGary and wife, Mrs. Jacob Magenheimer, Mrs. Dr. Davis, Mrs. Tom Browning, Mrs. S. E. Stevens, J. F. Foster and wife; Messrs. W. B. Straker, Chas. Cowell, R. P. Pritchett, J. H. Brown, Thos. Young, Jr., Will Robinson, Jap. J. McGreger, Sam Magenheimer, J. W. Iglehart and Locust, J. H. Evans. A photograph was taken of the group during recess of the lodge and after the session closed, delicious ice cream with cake was served by the ladies of the lodge. An enjoyable and pleasant evening and it was the hope that at the next meeting, February 8, 1900, a large attendance would assist in conferring degrees upon a new candidate.

Prizes Offered.

W. A. Toombs is arranging for a series of contests in which the public school children are to take part. One prize will be offered for the best written essay on Kentucky. This description must include boundaries, area, population, its relative size compared with the other States, its rivers, mountains and cities, name and location of the capital and population, the scenery, products of the soil, celebrities of the State, number of representatives and senators, prisons, asylums, formation of the State and when admitted into the Union, names of two of the most noted pioneers, largest and smallest counties in the State and the name and location of the natural wonder of the world within its limits.

Another prize will be offered for the best written description and history of the American flag; and another for the best "short sentence containing every letter in the alphabet. The name of some man in Earlinton must be included in this sentence.

To the small pupils, a prize will be offered for the best executed sketch of the Christian church near the school house.

The following are the rules by which the contest will be governed:

1. All compositions are to be written on paper of uniform size, to be selected by Prof. Bourland.
2. No pupil's name to be signed to essay. It will be numbered by the pupil's teacher.
3. Three competent judges will examine the essays and award prizes.
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A Delightful Entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Long entertained the Bachelor Maids last Monday evening in honor of the 8th birthday of their little daughter, Elizabeth. Those present were: Misses Minnie L. Bourland, Ethel Evans, Agnes Burr, Sue Burr, Julia Richards, Lucile Crenshaw, Carrie Crenshaw, Celeste Moore, Annie Moore, and Mrs. W. G. Brannan; Messrs. Henry C. Bourland, W. F. Sherridan, Paul P. Pries, Howard White, Hamilton, E. B. Bourland, V. H. Hopewell, Jerrold Johnson and W. G. Brannan. Celeste Grandma Cramer was present and added much to the pleasure of the evening. After quite a pleasant time had been enjoyed socially, the guests were ushered into the dining room where a sumptuous feast awaited them. At quite a late hour the guests departed with many praises for Mr. and Mrs. Long and Grandma and with sincere wishes for many happy birthdays for little Miss Elizabeth.

Ladies' Magazine Club.

At the home of Mrs. J. B. Atkinson, the Ladies' Magazine Club was delightfully entertained last Saturday afternoon. The attendance was not large and some familiar faces, among them Mrs. Ford, the President, and Mrs. Wendel, one of the charter members, were missed. Their departure was greatly regretted by the Club. Both appointed leaders were absent, but the Club was not devoid of entertainment on that account, for a short story by Octave Thanet (sometimes called the Patron Saint of the Earlinton Book Club) was well read by Miss Sallie Ford, as was an article by Mrs. Reese, on the "Boer Woman," Harpers. Mrs. Reese was elected President for the season. Delicious refreshments were served along with interesting current events and the meeting was a most pleasant one. Miss Richards, of Hopkinsville, was the guest of the Club. The next meeting will be held with the Misses Crenshaw, Mrs. Ernest Hask and Miss Burr will lead.

Grapevine Notes

R. P. Henry is convalescent, after an attack of chills.

Mr. Will Stittmet has been on the sick list.

M. L. Todd visited Joe Williams at Madisonville Sunday and attended services there.

W. J. Morrison is the neighborhood photographer, and is turning out some good work.

Elder J. F. Storey will preach for us Sunday at 10 o'clock.

An effort is being made to secure a vocal class for Prof. Hendricks here.

Misses Ora Barrow, Sue Walker, McNair and Lora Henry visited Miss Mayme Todd.

Leslie Lafoon has returned from a visit to his grandmother and other relatives in the Neko county.

Mrs. Crenshaw has returned to Evansville, after a visit of several weeks to the family of her son.

Miss Ora Barrow has returned to Hopkinsville and will teach a spring school at Herndon. We regret to give her up, as she will be missed in our society.

A lady of this vicinity, who is a musician, when asked by her guests to play, always plays, "Kou'll get no Supper Here Tonight."

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, G. W. Fugate, Miss Maude Fugate to Fletcher Brown. The marriage was no surprise to us, they will go to housekeeping near Bethel.

Cheap Clothing.

Pawn-brokers and fire damaged clothing for sale: Heavy All-wool Vest \$5.00 to \$1.00; All-wool Pants, \$1 to \$2.50; All-wool Coats, \$3.00 to \$10.00; All-wool Coats, \$2 to \$5. Place of business at old drug store, Young's shoe shop. YOUNG & CO. HOLLER.

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Ministers May Act.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 10.—It has been suggested that a convention of the ministers of the gospel in Kentucky, regardless of their creed or political affiliations, be called to meet in Frankfort, the object being to afford the clergymen of the State an opportunity of viewing, with their own eyes, the present condition of things in the State capital.

The suggestion has been made, and next it is expected that active, organized agitation looking to the calling of the convention will be undertaken. Such a gathering of earnest Christian men, intent on doing what is best for the moral uplifting and salvation of the Commonwealth in the present crisis, would have a wide-spread effect. Possibly no such convention was ever held in this country, but it is equally true that no such emergency ever existed in this or any other state of the American Union. Desperate diseases require extraordinary remedies, and if ever a hideous malady, like some foul cancer, gnawed at the vitals of civil liberty, it is the disease of Goebelism.

Should the preachers and priests come to Frankfort they would behold things as they are. They would see that the newspaper reports of what is going on here have not been overdrawn. They would discover that no pen could exaggerate the facts. They would find nearly every local interest tainted with the serpent's slime of Goebelism. They would find reckless law-breakers in possession of that remnant of the Democratic party which clings to Goebel, and the best men in the community driven to espouse the cause of the opposition, regardless of what their political affiliations have been heretofore. They would find threats on many tongues, violence in many hearts and pistols in many pockets; the air surcharged with the spirit of impending danger, and a condition of quasi-anarchy at hand. And they would be able to trace each derangement of government each infraction of constitutional rights, each peril impending, to the room where William Goebel weaves his webs of guile and malice and crime.

Then they would go home, and from pulpits in every corner of Kentucky would sound appeals to the manhood of the State to arise in its might and save the State.—Evening Post.

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The man reverently replied, "If the Lord will, He can set me free even now; and, though my hands are chained, my heart is free." At that very moment the Stundist was called by name, told that he had been pardoned, and his chains were struck off. It is said that the prisoners were perfectly awe-stricken with this mysterious interposition. The pardon was not expected by the Stundist, and had been obtained by a Christian lady unknown to him.

Given a Chase.

Mayfield, Ky., Jan. 22.—Edward Bruce, a young farmer, who shot and perhaps fatally wounded Sam Briggs, the cripple mail carrier, Saturday afternoon, was given a lively chase early this morning. Four deputy officers went in search of the man and located him at his house. He was asleep, but one of his friends who stood watch had given the alarm when the deputies rode up. Bruce failed to find time to dress, but fled with bare feet to the woods and crossed the state line into Tennessee, making his escape after a hard run of three miles.

The community in which the tragedy was committed is wrought up over the matter and disappointed over the escape.

A pants factory is to be started at Owensboro and will be in operation in a few weeks.

Our Colored Citizens.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE EDITOR OF THE BEE, EARLINGTON, KY., SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR, EARLINGTON, KY.

James Alexander was on the sick list last week.

Clarence Nurse left for Washington, Ind., Sunday night.

Mrs. Gipson, who has been sick, is up again.

Miss S. J. McDowell, of Morton Gap, and Dr. S. G. Gentry, of Michigan, were united in marriage Wednesday at Madisonville. Miss McDowell is a teacher in the true sense of the word and indeed a sweet soprano singer. Old Hopkins is marrying off her teachers you see. Who next?

Some one says the Pleasant Valley teacher will be the next. But we are left to conjecture.

Rev. J. T. Brown visited school Monday, conducted devotional exercises and made impressive remarks. Ministers and teachers working together—that's co-operation.

Mrs. Fanny Cavenaugh and Mr. Thos. Earl registered at the public school recently.

Rev. J. M. Hert is very ill. His recovery is prayed for earnestly.

Rev. J. T. Brown preached at the A. M. E. Church Sunday.

Henry Ray has a fine boy at his house.

The home is the place for training, the school the place for instruction. Parents who expect to do both are apt to be sadly mistaken.

A child that has learned to respect the rights of its brothers and sisters and to be lovingly helpful to them, will in school or elsewhere take the right attitude toward its companions.

Did you know that all noble life begins with sacrifice? To gain the higher life, the lower must be given up.

MORTONS GAP.

Rev. W. M. Dickens filed his regular appointment Sunday.

Roy Sharber, who has been staying at Evansville, has come here to

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Charles Rice, of White Plains, was in the city Sunday.

John Nickerson and Lucy Johnson went to White Plains Sunday night.

Walter Groves, of Crofton, was here Friday.

ST. CHARLES.

Mr. Bruce Cunningham, who went to Tennessee on business has not returned at this writing.

Mrs. Lizale Renfrow took dinner with Prof. W. D. Jennings and wife Sunday.

Has it occurred to you, that St. Charles is having a nine month school, with an average attendance of thirty pupils. They say that Prof. Jennings is adapted to teach-

ing and his pupils seem to like him.

Those who have been affected with the chicken pox are getting better. The greatest sufferers were J. A. Robinson and Henry Godkey.

We have a pastor who preaches a living gospel—Bro. J. W. Davy. He preaches that Heaven is not reached by a single bound, but we build the ladder by which we rise from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies and we mount to its summit, round by round.

We are glad to know that our men draw more cash than any of the St. Bernard employees except at Earlington.

Miss Bettie Bone is expected home this week.

Mrs. J. T. Martin has returned home from an extended visit with her mother in Louisville.

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